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BYS Meeting Minutes 04-04-2012

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**Board of Youth Services
Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2012
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**At Whittemore Robbins House
670 R Massachusetts Avenue**

Present: Colleen Leger, Carlene Newell, Doug Katz, Cindy Sheridan, Phyllis Brown, Malachy Shawjones, Ann Horgan, Lynn Horgan, Mary Decourcey, Joan Axelrod Lehrich, Joan Robbio; Lori Talanian. Lauren Boyle

Welcome-Introductions

Review minutes from March: Joan Robbio makes motion to accept; unanimous agreement

Arlington Youth Health and Safety Coalition

Colleen Leger/Lynn Horgan – activities of AYHSC

2006: Several accidents and deaths related to drugs and alcohol

Police, parents, educators, business community

Federal grant which addresses substance from a comprehensive health perspective

2008 –Five year grant with 100% match

Programs

Guiding Good Choices (parent program 5th to 8th grade) because high school users start in middle school

Parent forums

Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Diversion

Upcoming

Parents at middle school feel they are lacking support; provide small group “facilitated” conversations (Ottoson: 4/25 & 5/1 is pilot; maybe follow up with in-home gatherings)

(Question from member regarding social hosts liabilities. We can look to fall or spring to have another forum type event, maybe dance or parent night to transition to high school.) table for another meeting.



Lynn hands out forms that will be given out at the “Navigating Teen Years” conversation night.

These are questions are intended to spark discussion around teen behavior. Asking feedback from board re questions. Mary will “tweak” board to give feedback before the 4/25 meeting.

Doug introduces possibility of “Twitter” feed for parents about information relevant to student behavior ; requires a lot of discussion but will address at later meeting

Update from Director – Christine Connolly

501C3: Each entity has its own log in for contribution

Spring Event Team up for AYCC – update

Cindy and Lori are taking care of t-shirts

Christine is trying to get flatbed truck donated and will need help transporting goals

Several board members have solicited additional sponsors

Will have auction at the event (focus on women’s health); Board members are encouraged to seek contributions to auction

AYCC Update – Director: Phyllis Brown

Another donation received from Arlington Pediatric Association

AYCC made a little money this year (with block grants, insurance, fundraising, etc)

Will be sending packets to pediatricians but not do active recruitment because there is already a waiting list

Other Business

Annual Boys and Girls club dinner: May 1st

Next meeting: May 2nd

Germaine Lawrence: May 6th

October 17th –Michael Thompson is speaking

Might also have Michael Thompson consult to staff